

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 13th February 1959.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI C. MARUDHAVANAM PILLAI, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House the death of Sri C. Marudhavanam Pillai, a former Member of the Madras Legislative Council, on the 11th February 1959, at Madras. He was a Member of the Madras Legislative Council from May 1952 to April 1956. He was a leading Mirasdar in Tanjore district and was the President of the Nannilam Taluk Board for about twelve years.

He was an ardent Congressman and was of a charitable disposition.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I request all hon. Members to stand in silence for two minutes.

(Accordingly, the House stood in silence for two minutes.)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I shall convey this to the members of the bereaved family.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Headquarters of the Madras State

* 31 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to transfer the headquarters of the Madras State to Madurai ; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்த ராஜ்யத்தினுடைய தலை நகரம் சென்னை. அது இப்போது வட கோடி எல்லையில் இருக்கிறது. மதுரை நகரம், சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தின் நடுநாயகமாக இருக்கிறது. அங்கே எல்லா வசதிகளும் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகையால், நமது ராஜ்யத்தின் தலைநகரை மாற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்யுமா ?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஒரு ராஜ்யத்தின் தலைநகரம் பூகோள நிலைமைப்படி மத்திய ஸ்தானத்தில் இருக்கவேண்டுமென்பதை எப்போதும் அனுசரிப்பதில்லை. இப்போது சென்னையில் இருப்பதால், எல்லாம் சௌகரியமாகவே இருக்கிறது. நகரம் நன்றாக வளர்ந்திருக்கிறது. ஆகையால், தலைநகரததை மாற்றும் உத்தேசம் எதும் இல்லை.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : ஸார், அரசியலார் சில துறைகளை மாத்திரம் வெளி ஊர்களுக்கு மாற்றினால், சௌகரியமாக இருக்காதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அரசாங்கத்தின் தலைநகரம் எங்கு இருக்கிறதோ, அங்குதான் மற்ற இலாகாக்களின் தலைமை ஸ்தானங்களும் இருக்கவேண்டும்.

Grant-in-Aid Code

* 32 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, with reference to Legislative Council Starred Question No. 13 answered on 3rd July 1957, whether the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code has since been completed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. It has not yet been completed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know when it is expected to be completed and enforced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A Committee has been constituted for this purpose and it has just submitted its Report. It has got to be examined and then it may be possible to arrive at a decision. I was hoping that it would be possible to have the Code in operation from the next academic year.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, may I know whether the service conditions of teachers would be liberalised and enforcement of such liberal terms would be one of the conditions of aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Grant-in-Aid Code will not contemplate the service condition, pay, emoluments, etc. That would be a Code governing the grant of aid and, therefore, I do not think it will be possible to consider these in that.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, the Government have been insisting on discipline, organization, etc., as conditions for aid and will they include the conferment of certain benefits on teachers as one of the conditions for the grant of aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That will have to be considered separately. I have not yet gone through the Report. Perhaps, when I go through it, I can consider whether anything could be indicated about this.